



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: FARMER Program Grant Fund Projects with Renee Joughin

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) participates in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Grant Program. The FARMER program provides incentive funds to reduce agricultural sector emissions through equipment replacement.

Renee Joughin has proposed a project that meets eligibility criteria of the FARMER Program. Agreement 05-001-2022 will provide up to \$32,000.00 in FARMER funds to replace a 1986, diesel-fueled, Tier 0, Ford tractor with a new low-emitting Tier IV certified Kioti tractor. The tractor is used 100 percent of the time within Eastern Kern County for agricultural operations in Lake Isabella. Staff recommends the project be approved for funding.

Three copies of the proposed agreement, a copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant to approve by signature and are expected to be returned to the District prior to the Board Meeting. If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the items will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the July 2022, Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 05-001-2022 with Renee Joughin for the purchase of a new lower-emission Tier IV certified diesel fueled tractor.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
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Enclosure